

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE

## Governor of the State of Texas

41-1806

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

June 18, 1981

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14 of the Constitution of Texas, I hereby veto Senate Bill 859 for the following reasons:

If the six-year term of the current regents, all being appointed in January of odd-numbered years, were extended until February 1 of odd-numbered years, it would violate the constitutional provision limiting board members to six-year terms (Article XVI, Section 30a).

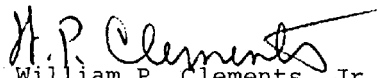
Further, this bill would change a tradition of the outgoing Governor being able to make his final three nominations to the Board of Regents of the University of Texas and Texas A & M University, a tradition which has been in existence since 1969.

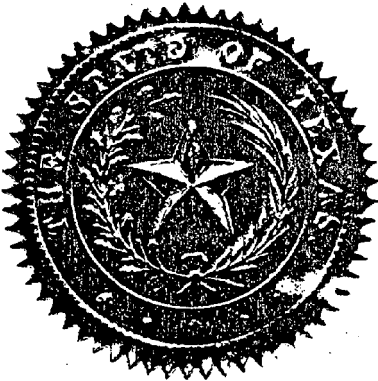
Every Governor, in the past seventy-six years, that has served a term or terms of four consecutive years has been able to appoint six members to the board and I see no valid reason to discontinue this practice. If Senate Bill 859 had provided a date between January 1 and January 6 of odd-numbered years for the regents terms to end, it would have been acceptable to me and I would have signed it.

Lastly, if the February 1 date would be the law, then the new appointees could not take office immediately, but would be subject to confirmation prior to taking office and the new appointees might or could be indefinitely delayed.

For the above reasons, I veto Senate Bill 859.

Respectfully,

  
William P. Clements, Jr.  
Governor



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